



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker Would you rather push the “re-do” button for 2018 or start fresh in 2019? Explain.

1. Read Proverbs 1:1-6
The main theme of Proverbs is wisdom. Who is the wisest person you know? Why do you view them as wise, and would popular culture agree that they're wise? How could you become more like them?
2. Read Proverbs 3:13-15
The Bible states that being joyful is the outcome of gaining wisdom. Have you seen examples of this? How could gaining wisdom make you joyful?
3. Read Proverbs 12:15, 14:16, and 29:11
The Bible tells us that a fool is governed by their own desires, impulses, and emotions. Do you feel society condones or promotes being a fool by these standards? In what ways does this impact your own life? In what ways might it impact your decisions and actions?
4. Pastor Tom says we should “count the cost” when making decisions. How can we take a step back from our busy lives and rushed world to prayerfully do this on a regular basis? What would you hope to see God do in your life if you did?
5. Pastor Tom asked an important question at the end of his message: “So are we in pursuit of God’s wisdom for our lives?” How would intentionally pursuing His wisdom each day look? How can your small group encourage you in pursuing this discipline?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Proverbs 1

Day 2: Read Proverbs 2

Day 3: Read Proverbs 3

Day 4: Read Proverbs 4

Day 5: Read Proverbs 5



MESSAGE NOTES AND DISCUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



“Pursuing Wisdom”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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Proverbs focus on what are _____ and instructions, that if followed, make life effective and successful.

The main theme of Proverbs = _____ (note Proverbs 1:1-6).

Note Proverbs 3:13-15

Wisdom is the p_____ application of knowledge.

“...intelligence drawing on experience governed by p_____.” (Webster’s)

Why is being a wise person so important and so highly _____ that God devotes an entire book of the Bible to it?

1. Because Life is a Series of _____

On what foundation will we make the endless, daily choices that _____ us constantly?

In Proverbs, a “_____” is not someone with below average intelligence.

A “fool” is someone who ignores God’s truth and wisdom and either follows the crowd...or is _____ by their desires, impulses, and emotions.

Note Proverbs 12:15; 14:16; 29:11

2. Because All Our Choices Have _____

...before making any decisions/choice, I needed to c_____ the c_____.

This truth is part of God’s _____ principles = *A man reaps what he sows* (Galatians _____:_____); and science, *cause and* _____.

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- Note Proverbs 16:7; 20:22; 24:29; 25:21-22
- Note Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; 13:6
- So are we in _____ of God’s wisdom for our lives?
- If not, why not?
- Note Proverbs 13:16-18; 1:7

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